

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

**I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S.P. 6,278,941 to Yokoyama
("Yokoyama")**

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokoyama. Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the reference.

A. Claim 1

For example, claim 1 states that a control section instructs a communication section to establish a communication line, instructs a measurement section to measure a current position after the communication line is established, and instructs the communication section to transmit information, which comprises the measured current position, to the information center. Therefore, the claimed navigation terminal (1) establishes a communication line, (2) measures a current position after the communication line is established, and (3) transmits the measured current position after the current position is measured.

The Examiner maintains that Yokoyama discloses a present position detecting portion 104 that measures a current position of a car and discloses a communication portion 108 that establishes a communication line with a center apparatus 150. However, the reference does not teach that the detecting portion 104 measures the current position after the communication portion 108 establishes the communication line. In fact, the Examiner does not even allege or point out where Yokoyama suggests measuring the current position after establishing the communication line. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the reference.

B. Claim 2

Since claim 2 depends upon claim 1, Applicants submit that it is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

C. Claims 3-7

Since claims 3-7 contain features that are analogous to the features discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Applicants submit that they are patentable for at least similar reasons.

D. Claim 8

Since claim 8 depends upon claim 7, Applicants submit that it is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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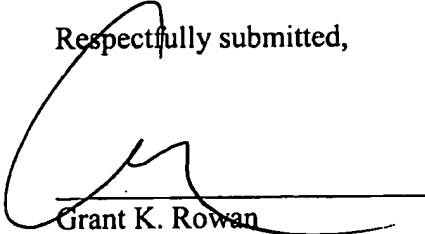
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